

THE TRUE AND EXACT HISTORY OF PARKER'S GOLD TELEGRAM

Positive and Authoritative Statement, Which Can Be Thoroughly Substantiated.

THE CAMPAIGN LIES EXPOSED

The Truth, the Whole Truth and Nothing But the Truth Concerning Famous Dispatch.

HIS REASONS EXPLAINED

Hitherto Unpublished Details Made Public by the First Man to Whom the Judge Revealed His Action.

The following will appear in the Richmond Daily Eagle of to-morrow:

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

ESOPUS, N. Y., Sept. 3.—The Republican campaign text book for 1904, issued by the Republican National Committee, contains an attack upon the good faith, character and the honor of Alton J. Parker, the Democratic candidate for President. It devotes all of ten pages to what it calls the "St. Louis-Exposé," and in the course of its attack insinuates that the telegram sent by Judge Parker to Mr. Sheehan at St. Louis, on July 9th, was prearranged. It calls the platform and the telegram "joint performances" and receives the voters of the United States. Neither deftly nor skillfully, yet maliciously, it seeks to convey the impression that Judge Parker was a party to a "trick" that his telegram was prearranged with the committee. Then at 11 o'clock on the 9th, about thirty hours after the committee had taken the fatal step, about eighteen hours after the convention had ratified it, about nine o'clock, Judge Parker sent the following telegram to the convention, addressed to his friend, William F. Sheehan. It seeks to convey the idea that prior to Saturday, July 9th, he had been informed of all the occurrences at St. Louis. Knew that reference to the gold standard had been omitted in the platform and says in these exact words: "I am sorry that I did not receive this information very early in the day on Friday." The entire effort of the ten pages is to show that Judge Parker had been guilty of a "trick," that his telegram was sent to St. Louis by prearrangement and with the foreknowledge of his friends in St. Louis.

The high character of Judge Parker, his wide acquaintance and his high-mindedness does not protect him from this wanton attack—an attack made in the full knowledge that it was based on untruth. It must fall in its purpose, but it is a cruel and a base attempt to degrade, in its assertions, its only effect can be to show that those who are responsible for the management of the campaign of the Republican National Committee, and who are responsible for the campaign of the Republican National Committee, had been denied their cause by that act of Judge Parker which Grover Cleveland declared to be "a splendid manifestation of honor and courage."

There could have been no "pre-arrangement" and no "foreknowledge," because the situation which called forth the dispatch was anticipated or foreseen by no one prior to the assembling of the convention.

The situation made by the final act of the committee on resolutions, at the close of its sixteen hours session, was anticipated and foreseen by no one in St. Louis or elsewhere prior to the act itself. From the time of the assembling of the committee on resolutions until after the convention had finally acted by ratifying the platform, Judge Parker, in his dispatch to William F. Sheehan, at that time of 7:41 to 191, Judge Parker had no communication, whatsoever, with any leader of the New York delegation, with any member of the convention, with any person in the East on any matter which could be construed as political.

The action of the committee on resolutions on the 9th was not final and conclusive. Before its report was made the platform of the party it was necessary for the convention to approve and adopt it. It was widely known that not only the platform, but the resolutions, were to be voted on Friday at any one, even in St. Louis, knew what the platform would be. And what was not known in St. Louis could not have been known elsewhere.

Judge Parker did not have and could not have had knowledge of the events as they developed on Friday and Saturday night in St. Louis, until about 7 o'clock Saturday morning, when the report of the committee on resolutions was received. He was informed of his nomination. But not until 8 o'clock that morning did he learn the history of the money question, and then from the morning papers, which reached him at that hour.

Though Judge Parker did know that his name would be presented to the convention for consideration, he did not know that he would be its nominee. At this time, when the money question, although of the sentiment in his favor is realized, it may appear as if every one should have known what the result would be. Before the demonstration, however, it was by no means certain that Judge Parker by word or act assume that he was to be the nominee. Assumption it would have been if, prior to the casting of the vote of the convention, he had proclaimed that unless the platform said this or omitted that he would not stand on it. His attitude was elevated and should be appreciated even in these strenuous times when every one is after nominations. Indeed, had he spoken as to one he must have done so as to all questions and ended in an attempt to dictate the platform. Such would have been utterly repugnant to the principle he expressed in the Creelman letter—that the once should seek the man, not the man the office.

The Brooklyn Daily Eagle is in a position to affirm the above assertions, and to maintain the affirmation, and as well, that Judge Parker in the preparation and sending of this dispatch consulted with nobody—with not a single soul; that he took the action he did in his own initiative and after realizing the situation at St. Louis.

Let the facts be known—let "the bright shining of patriotism" shine on this act, and the brighter the light the more resplendent shines that act.

The True Story of the Telegram.

On Friday night, July 9th, at 10:20 o'clock, the usual hour of retirement for the Judge, at a time when the convention was still in session, and when out the most meager news had been received as to the action of the committee on platform, the Chief Judge, saying to his secretary, Arthur McCausland, that he was about to retire and did not wish to be disturbed during the night, went to his chamber and closed the door. In the gray dawn of the morning, the news was received that the nomination had been made and that Judge Parker had been named practically unanimously. Secretary McCausland forbade an effort to inform the Judge, declaring that it "must wait until the Judge got up."

At 7 o'clock on Saturday morning, waiting newspaper men, gathered on the veranda of the house, saw the Judge issue

The Eagle is in a position to affirm and to maintain by proof these facts:

That Alton Brooks Parker wrote the famous gold standard dispatch to William F. Sheehan, then in St. Louis, on Saturday morning, July 9th, at 11 o'clock, and sent the same from the Esopus telegraph station.

That the dispatch was so written and so sent on Judge Parker's own initiative, without consultation or communication with a single soul.

That the dispatch was not written and sent in pursuance of a prearrangement and that those who advocated and advanced his cause in St. Louis had no foreknowledge of it.

That Judge Parker reached his determination to send the dispatch after he had been informed by the New York papers of Saturday morning, and by that means alone, and had comprehended in its entirety the situation as to the platform in St. Louis.

That Judge Parker did not anticipate or foresee the final action of the committee in its sixteen hours session; that he did not have and could not have had knowledge of the events as they developed on Friday and Saturday night at St. Louis, until 8 o'clock Saturday morning; that during the thirty hours preceding the sending of the dispatch he had no communication whatsoever with any leader of the New York delegation, with any person in the East on any matter which could be construed as political.

from his bath house on the river side.

The extraordinary man had arisen at 6:30 o'clock, had stolen out of the house unobserved, following his usual routine, and gone for his bath without even stopping to ask what was the news. With a single impulse he had rushed to the river, and, coming from the veranda, dashed across the lawn and to a point on the bluff, where they could call to him, shouting, "You've got it!" Then they hastened to the river, and, leading up from the river, and his first question was as to the platform, no news of which, however, they could give him. He passed on, without comment, to his dressing room, and, after having himself for breakfast and at the table met his secretary for the first time in the morning. From him he learned all there was to be learned. After breakfast he went to his library, or working room, looked over the memoranda made by his secretary during the night and the telegrams of congratulation that began to pour in.

There was little as yet to inform him as to the platform. There were intimations of the sixteen hours session of the committee, of a contest and it appeared on the financial question, but nothing conclusive or definite or informing. Thus the time passed until 8 o'clock. When definite news came in and the morning newspapers were brought. To these he devoted himself, absorbed in them, obtaining a comprehensive view of the events of the day. Then, without a word to anybody, without comment or exhibiting in any way his thoughts, he called for his horse and set out on a solitary ride. During that ride he digested his information and determined on his action. He made history. As he was returning from that solitary ride a dispatch from New York came which further informed him. Arriving at his home he went straight to his study, with a lead pencil wrote on a white pad of paper, which the writer saw and read that day, the now famous dispatch, handing it to his secretary, with instructions to forward it immediately to the hands of one of his assistant secretaries, Mr. Newcomb, who carried it to the office at Esopus and stood over the operator as it was being sent. In or out of the office, he might be absolute assurance that it was transmitted and that there was no leakage in the transmission to Mr. Sheehan.

At that time he had seen no one but the members of his family and the news-papers of the day. There were no persons near him with whom he could consult; he had seen no one with whom he could

consult. He had no communication by word of mouth, by letter, by telephone, or by telegraph with any one person outside of the narrow circle of his immediate family. Involved in this assertion is the fact that on Friday, Friday night and Saturday morning up to 11 o'clock, when the dispatch was sent, he had no communication from or with any one in St. Louis or with any one outside of St. Louis on the subject of politics or of convention events.

By his associates and all who have known him from the first, his essential truthfulness has been a recognized characteristic—not the truthfulness that is exact in words alone, but in that frank, non-evasive and earnest truthfulness that means even the sacrifice of a meaning other than his words exactly imply seen in the minds of his acquaintances like a sacrifice. So, when he says that in the sending of that dispatch, he consulted with nobody, with not a single soul, and that his action was taken on his own initiative and after realizing the situation at St. Louis, no one who ever knew the Judge or realized the situation at St. Louis, who is not even who do know him entertain any doubts, while the fidelity of the charge of "pre-arrangement" or of "foreknowledge," on the part of his friends in St. Louis, becomes apparent.

As a matter of fact, it was not until 3 o'clock on the afternoon of Saturday that any one made an appearance at Rosemount, or came into personal relation to the Judge to whom he could be said to have communicated the contents of the dispatch or its subject matter, and that was four hours after the dispatch had been sent. This person, who is the writer of this, arrived in absolute ignorance of the situation, and he is the only one who, since the dispatch had been prepared and sent, had a bearing on it. It was because of that fact that the communication of his act to the world was made by the two news sources at St. Louis, and it was the first time that it was made to anybody. Unless that dispatch was at that moment in the hands of Mr. Sheehan in St. Louis, this writer was the first person to see and read it apart from the two secretaries of the Judge, his agents of transmission.

Why the Telegram Was Sent.

The fact was Judge Parker had not at any time anticipated the result in the committee on resolutions, as it was revealed to him on Saturday morning through the ordinary news sources at a private dispatch from New York city, rehearsing in detail the events of the sixteen hours session.

He had supposed, prior to the meeting of the committee, that a gold standard plank would be offered and that, if opposition manifested itself, the Mississippi plank, which recognized the present standard, would, at least, be accepted. Such a plank, in his judgment, he could stand on, holding the theories on finance he did, well known to be in favor of the gold standard, and would be properly subject to the interpretation he would put it in, for whether the reasons given in the plank as justifying the recognition of the present standard were sound or not, the fact of its recognition by the convention would suffice.

But when the events were developed as they were at St. Louis, an affirmative gold plank presented, a counter proposition involving reaffirmation of the contrary, the proposition and the counter proposition resulting in the compromise, the omission, he saw that the situation was wholly changed, that the voting down in that committee of a declaration that the question was settled and the gold standard established, and his acceptance of that action would place him in a position of entertaining views contrary to those he did and, therefore, decided it his duty to inform every element of the American stage of his position, and so, if his views were not satisfactory to the majority, it could place some one on the platform adopted whose views were.

His conclusion reached, the dispatch was sent—a great act simply done, and done on his own initiative without consulting with any one whatsoever and without knowledge of anybody until it was received by Governor Sheehan in St. Louis.

That dispatch was received in St. Louis, not with foreknowledge, but with consternation, by those who, measuring the value of the nomination of Judge Parker by the news and the fact that he was required to achieve it, did not, at first, realize the greatness of the abnegation involved.

Nor should there be failure to comprehend that Judge Parker, in preparing the act, did not fail to realize the possible consequence that there would be a change of candidates for the presidency and that before the adjournment his declaration of the nomination would be the subject of the convention.

That this was present in his mind all day was known to one, at least, and yet he moved among those who came in large numbers in the afternoon, calmly, making no allusions to the event, but patiently awaiting knowledge of the effect produced by his dispatch on the convention. And that knowledge was not given him until long after midnight of July 9th. He received his neighbors of Ulster who came in array of band and torches, who to felicitate him, compelled to talk to them on every side, and who, in the end, might be that while he was addressing them he was no longer the nominee of the Democratic National Convention of 1904.

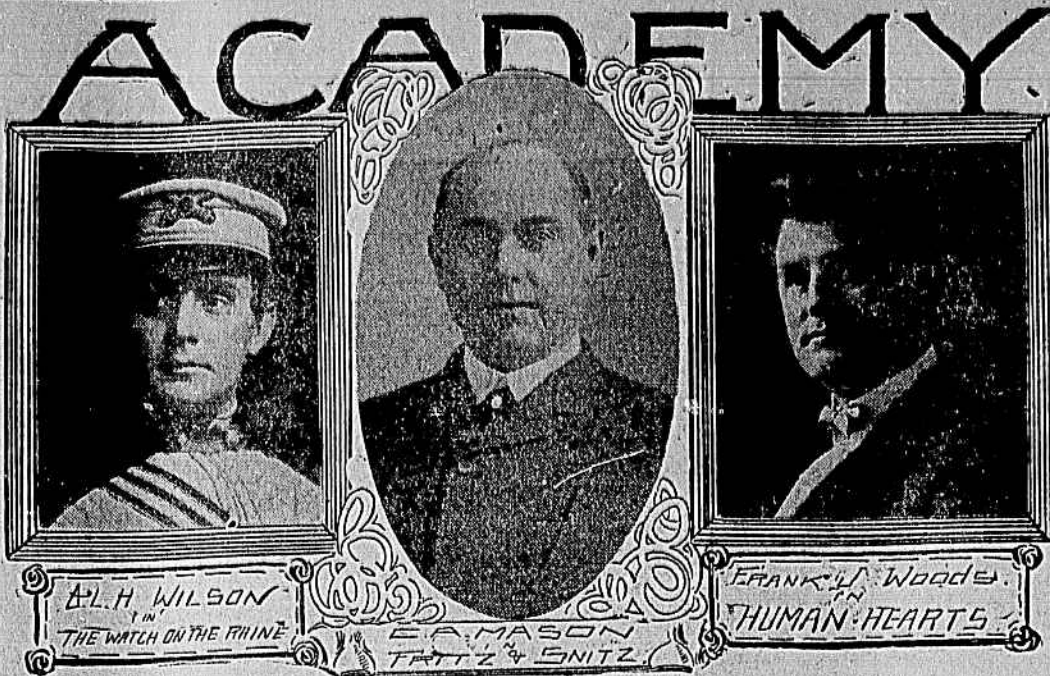
WILLIAM C. HUDSON.

BOY SWALLOWED CHECK; FATHER CAN'T GET WAGES

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) PHILADELPHIA, Pa., September 3.—Unless Willie Windle coughs up before noon to-day, his father will be unable to collect his week's wages, Willie is a precocious youngster of four, and swallowed his father's brass pay check while playing on the floor of his home yesterday.

The Windles live at No. 311 South Philip Street. No one saw Willie swallow the check, and it was not until last night that Willie's mother discovered his loss. Willie was questioned and mutely pointed his forefinger down his throat.

They hurried the boy to the Pennsylvania Hospital, but the physicians were unable to locate the check. They say that the boy will use X-ray work to locate it. Meanwhile Willie's father is becoming anxious.



Academy.

Monday—Field's Minstrels; matinee and night.

Tuesday—Human Hearts; matinee and night.

Wednesday—Mason & Mason; night only.

Thursday—Al. H. Wilson; night only.

Friday and Saturday—Sheppard's Pictures; matinee and Saturday.

Bijou, all week, with special matinee to-morrow, Hal. Reid's Melodrama, "Alone in the World."

The theatrical season is on in earnest. The Academy will not be dark any night this week. The offerings at Manager Leath's house this week present quite a variety, there being a minstrel, a melodrama, the German dialect comedian, Al. H. Wilson, and Mason, in farce comedy, and Sheppard's pictures. These attractions will keep the Academy force busy all the week. Manager Rex will retain from Buckeye Beach Tuesday, and will get down to business at the Academy.

The summer season at the Casino closed last night, and to-morrow afternoon the Bijou opens with the sensational melodrama, "Alone in the World." The Bijou's patrons are hungry for just this type of production now, and a record-breaking business will no doubt be done during the week.

To-morrow being a holiday, both houses will give matinee performances. Al. H. Wilson's minstrels, a favorite organization with Richmond theatre-goers, will open the week at the Academy.

Occasionally one hears the complaint made that the negro comedian isn't what he used to be and that the day of the old-fashioned minstrel show is at an end. There can be no doubt that the day of the old-time and inexpensive minstrel show is at an end. This is the age of progression, and amusement-seekers demand and must have novelty, but it is

drawn, the dialogue is crisp, and the human interest is all-absorbing.

Mason and Mason.

Wednesday night Managers Broadhurst and Currie, two of the best known amusement purveyors in the field theatre, will send into this city their latest and greatest farcical comedy for the delectation and enjoyment of our theatre-goers. Their play is a musical melange known as "Fritz and Snitz," and in it they have stars Mr. Charles A. and Harry Lester.

First name of Mason and Mason is known from one of the continent to the other. They embody in their presentation a case of mistaken identities in which a burglar, a detective, and a German baron on a fortune hunting expedition go a swaggering waterway resort, are mixed up. The latter had been sent to the resort at the instigation of an old man, whose millions had not been able to get him or his daughter into society, and who for that reason secured the services of a matrimonial agent so that the latter might bring a member of the nobility to his home, through the medium of whom he expected to reach the desired goal. The nobleman being late in arriving, and two German emigrants appearing, one of them is immediately mistaken for the fellow with the title, but as he is in reality a member of the light-fingered gentry who is being pursued by a thief taker, he finds it to his advantage to pose as the expected guest of the money bags.

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Is Now a Corporation.

The Corporation Commission yesterday granted a charter to the Christopher Engraving Company (Incorporated), Richmond; Charles K. Willis, president; R. M. Kent, Jr., secretary and treasurer, and G. G. Worsham and C. A. Zinke, directors. The capital stock of the concern is from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

City Offices to Close.

Mayor McCarthy yesterday issued a proclamation ordering the City Hall offices to be closed to-morrow on account of Labor Day, a legal holiday.

Dr. Eggleston to Preach.

Dr. Eggleston is back in the city, and will preach his pupil as usual to-day in the Third Presbyterian Church.

WHERE TO GO THIS AFTERNOON.

Leave Richmond 4 P. M. and go to Beach Park, West Point, 60c. round trip. Returning leave at West Point 8:30 P. M. 60c. round trip. It is a delightful place to spend the afternoon. Don't come back without getting one of the fish dinners served at Beach Park Hotel.

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PROCLAMATION FOR LABOR DAY

Governor Montague Calls Upon the People of the State to Observe It.

Governor Montague yesterday issued the following Labor Day proclamation:

"In order to develop the common weal by the promotion of friendly relations between all people and to increase our appreciation of the importance of labor, I recommend that Monday, the 5th day of September next, be observed as Labor Day; that the State offices be closed, and as far as practicable business be suspended that the people may be given an opportunity to make appropriate recognition of a day commemorative of forces, which make so much for the sustenance, happiness and dignity of mankind.

In testimony thereof, I, A. J. Montague, Governor of Virginia, have hereto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Commonwealth to be affixed at Richmond, this 2d day of September, 1904.

A. J. MONTAGUE.
By the Governor: Q. EGGLESTON,
"Secretary of the Commonwealth."

Glass at Charlotte.

Congressman Carter Glass, of Lynchburg, will speak at Charlotte Courthouse to-morrow. It is not known whether or not his opponent, Mr. Harris Hoge, of Roanoke, will be on hand, but it is likely that he will. Mr. Glass is pushing his campaign with every prospect of a sweeping victory at the polls in November. Secretary of the Commonwealth D. Q. Eggleston left last night for Charlotte to attend the Democratic meeting.

Mr. C. B. Jones Here.

Hon. Claggett B. Jones, of King and Queen, spent a few hours here yesterday on his way to his home from another part of the State. Mr. Jones was in good spirits concerning the Democratic outlook in the country this fall.

Negro Must Hang.

Governor Montague on yesterday refused to commute the death sentence of James Cant, colored, to life imprisonment. Cant was convicted of the murder of Jack Thompson at the July term of the Nelson county Circuit Court, and sentenced to be hanged September 15, 1904.

Deaths Exceed Births.

The following figures have been given out by the Health Department of the city: Deaths—August, 128; July, 204; increase in August, 76; deaths in August, 128; births in August, 56; excess of deaths over births, 72.

The above statistics are not considered accurate, as many births were not reported, though the law requires that shall be.

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